

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION**

CRIMINAL NO. 1:07CR60

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

ROBBIE SUTTLES

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on motion of Defendant's counsel for prior authorization for paralegal funds.

Counsel advises that he has been instructed that these funds must be authorized before utilizing a paralegal. However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e)(2)(A) states in pertinent part that "subject to later review, investigative, expert, and other services [may be obtained] without prior authorization . . . [provided] the total cost of services obtained without prior authorization may not exceed \$500[.]" Counsel states that work performed by his paralegal would not exceed \$500.

Inasmuch as no prior authorization is required for expenditures of paralegal expenses up to \$500, no prior authorization by this Court will be necessary.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that counsel's motion for prior authorization for paralegal funds is **DENIED**.

Signed: July 2, 2007

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Lacy H. Thornburg
United States District Judge

